

## LAFFERTY'S LAY OUT.

## A Smooth-Tongued Flat-Iron Man's Sudden Departure From Cole Camp.

## Exposure of a Black-Hearted Scoundrel Who Worked the Pious Racket.

## Compelled to Promise to Marry a Girl He Seduced—Letter From Her Brother.

Cole Camp, a thriving village of some 350 inhabitants, is on the line of the narrow gauge railroad running from Sedalia to Warsaw. The town is distant twenty miles from Sedalia, and is growing and prospering finely.

Cole Camp was recently stirred to unwonted excitement and indignation over the exposure of a rascal's heartless villainy and

## A WOMAN'S WEAKNESS.

On the 18th of December last, the village was visited by the hero of this narrative. He was a man of medium size, ruddy complexion, good looking, neatly dressed, of polite, gentlemanly and captivating address, and he gave his name as S. A. Lafferty. His age was about forty years. With him was

A PRETTY YOUNG LADY of some eighteen years, and she was introduced as his wife.

Lafferty consulted the railroad and express agent of the town, Mr. T. C. Morrow, in regard to getting a good, quiet place to board, as he and his wife would be in the town for some weeks. They did not wish to go to a hotel but wanted to secure a room and board in some private house. Finally Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty were accommodated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston W. Tucker, in the north-western portion of the village. The family is well known and highly respected by all. The business of Lafferty was that of

SELLING SMOOTHING IRONS, the "J. S. Brown patent self-heating, double draft, polishing and smoothing iron" manufactured by J. S. Brown, at Odebolt, Iowa. The general agent for this state is G. A. Steagall, at Cainsville, in North Missouri. Lafferty began his canvass for his smoothing irons and met with much success. He took several orders. The price of the iron being \$3.50—a good round price for such an article too. Then he sent to Steagall for a lot of irons to fill orders obtained. The irons came, were delivered, and Lafferty pocketed the cash, his own profit being probably about fifty per cent.

He continued to canvass for further orders and was assisted by a young man named R. E. Mitchell whose folks live in Trenton, Mo., and who came with him to Cole Camp, and who said he was a partner of Lafferty's. Continued success attended the efforts of Lafferty and his associate. Lafferty was one of

SMOOTHEST, BLANDEST TALKERS that ever struck the village. The article he sold proved to be a good one, and although the price was rather steep, the people continued to help Lafferty's boom.

Lafferty stated he was an Ohio man, though he didn't mention just what town in Ohio he called his home. His wife proved to be a very winning, attractive woman, was lady-like and refined in demeanor, and she and Mr. Lafferty were received cordially into the best circles. Lafferty was a VERY "PIOUS" MAN, and the impression he made upon many was that he was a retired preacher. He wore a look of saintly peace, and his talk was of such a lofty order of morality that it was the next best thing to hearing a regular sermon, to listen to him speak of the nobility of living a good and worthy life.

Time jogged along, and Lafferty prospered in his business, and he and Mrs. L. were much thought of by nearly every one. There were some, however,

WHO HAD SUSPICIONS that all was not as represented by Lafferty. Letters kept coming from Butler, Mo., and from Illinois, addressed to Miss Carrie B. Mathis, which were promptly called for by Lafferty or his lady. The postmaster, Mr. Henry Mahken, though he thought this rather odd, supposed that the lady had recently been married, and friends, not knowing this fact, were sending letters addressed to her maiden name. During the time of her stay in Cole Camp, she left four or five days to make a visit to her brother in Butler, Willis B. Mathis, a barber there. Returning from her visit the life of herself and Lafferty jogged on with its usual smoothness, he selling smoothing irons and talking piety, and both being regarded with much favor by quite a circle of friends.

In the latter part of January, however, EXPOSURE CAME.

and shame was heaped high upon the head of Lafferty. He and his supposed wife were in attendance at a social gathering one evening, and enjoying the occasion to a high degree. But there happened to be present on that occasion a commercial traveler who knew the young woman well. He knew she was not the wife of Lafferty, and so stated to Mr. Morrow, the express agent, and to Mr. John W. Price. These gentlemen, with Mr. McCall and Mr. Markie, took an early opportunity to notify Lafferty that his villainy had been detected, and that

## HE MUST MARRY THE GIRL.

He denied the statement, said the woman was his wife, and that he could show their marriage certificate. He soon found that bluster wouldn't do, and begged earnestly not to be exposed. He said he couldn't marry the woman, that she was good enough to be his wife, but he could never forget that she had yielded to his solicitations. He couldn't "wipe out the past." The scamp went on to say that the woman was in an interesting condition, and begged to be permitted to remain in town long enough to procure medicines so that

THE LIFE OF THE CHILD MIGHT BE DESTROYED.

This dastardly proposal was hurled back in his teeth, and he was told he must marry the girl or submit to an exposure of his villainy, and the results that would follow.

He at last agreed to wed the girl, and on the 26th of last month took the train for Sedalia. The girl appeared with him at the depot and she looked pleased and smiling. He had probably told her he intended to

MAKE HER HIS LAWFUL WIFE. As Lafferty was about to board the train the following letter was handed to him: The allusion to "paying the fiddler" was suggested by a remark made by Lafferty on more than one occasion that "the people of Cole Camp cared only for beer and dancing." Following is the letter:

COLE CAMP, Mo., Jan 5, 1884.  
Mr. S. A. Lafferty, Esq.  
SIR:—After carefully and fully thinking all the points of your letter over, we rather feel that it would be only our plain duty to Miss Mathis and her friends to plainly inform them of all the facts in the case. If we had a young sister

OUT IN THE COLD WORLD in her position, standing upon the very brink of ruin, we would feel under lasting obligations for the plain, unvarnished truth, so that we might have the poor privilege of taking her home and protecting her in the approaching hours of her dangerous troubles. True, you are both strangers to us, yet there is so

DEEP AND BLACK A WRONG HERE that so far we feel placed under no special obligations to cover up or to hide. We came into possession of those disagreeable matters entirely unsolicited and unsought for on our part, and are not responsible for this (it is with yourself). Personally we know you have no use for us, and when you leave that you would consign us to "hades" if you could. You have been having a good time all along, and here in Cole Camp those who dance pay for the music. We feel sorry for you both, but in law it is a crime to conceal a crime.

T. C. MORROW.  
Two days after the couple left Cole Camp Mr. Morrow received a letter from Lafferty, stating

HE HAD BEEN MARRIED the day before, Jan. 27th, at Kansas City, to Miss Mathis, the ceremony being performed by a minister named Ellis. He also enclosed a clipping from a newspaper, which clipping was a marriage notice of the two, although the names of both the parties were not correctly spelled.

The letter sent by Lafferty and the clipping were sent to the brother at Butler, and no answer has been received from him. The impression on the part of many people of Cole Camp is that Lafferty did not marry Miss Mathis at Kansas City, and that the newspaper clipping was a

BOGUS MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT sent by Lafferty to quiet talk at Cole Camp, and prevent exposure of his villainy. The following letter from Miss Mathis's brother at Butler was in response to one sent to him by Mr. Morrow, after the commercial traveler had given the information that there had been no marriage between the parties:

BUTLER, Mo., Jan. 29, '84.  
MR. T. C. MORROW, Dear Sir:—Your letter received a few minutes ago, and in answer I must say I cannot thank you enough. It almost kills me to think so of my sister. She had a good raising, and was a GOOD GIRL.

when I last knew anything about her. I haven't seen her for about two years until about four weeks ago when she paid me a visit, but I did not notice anything out of the way with her. She told me she was traveling with a Mr. Stackhouse and family, and that she was traveling with them to take care of the two little children. This man Lafferty I know nothing about, but I swear, by all that is good and bad I will bring him to

THE POINT OF A PISTOL before many days. Will you oblige me by telling me if she was with a Mr. Stackhouse at all—at your place, and other information you can give me.

Yours with great respect,  
W. H. MATHIS.

The following statement of Mr. Morrow will be read with decided interest:

THE FLAT IRON MAN. In reference to the Lafferty scandal, I got on to him through a friend whom I shall not name without his permission. Mr. John W. Price and myself went to Mr. Lafferty and told him that we were on to his "racket," and knew all about that girl he was playing for his wife. Lafferty turned very pale, and said he "could stand no such insinuations on his family." Said that "he could produce his marriage certificate and all other papers," and asked me what I meant. I said: "Now listen, I mean that you are now

LIVING WITH A PROSTITUTE, or a young girl whom you have seduced, and that her name is Miss Carrie 'M.'; that her friends live in Bates county, and, regardless of your papers, I will go you \$100 that I can pull my telegraph key open on her folks and prove my statements in one hour. You are sick, but you can't bluff me."

He said, "Boys, I'll own up. You have me down, but for God's sake don't give me away." We told him he must send the young girl home to her folks at once. He said, "No that he could not, as

SHE WAS IN A FIX NOW, and that he was going to get some 'medicine,' and that it would take some time and 'many groans' before she could go home." He said he was the cause of all her trouble; that she was a lady and of a respectable family, and that her folks had no idea of what was going on, and that she moved in the "high-toned" circles, etc.

I said: "Lafferty, you shall let up on this 'medicine business,' and shall marry that girl, and take care of her, and if she is one-half as good as you say she is, SHE IS TOO GOOD FOR YOU, and would have the worst end of the bargain, and if you don't take the course I have told you to, I will send the full particulars to her brother," which I have done.

On the night before they left, he sent over again, begging me to keep still, and not give him away to her folks. I wrote an answer to his requests, a copy of which I herewith hand your reporter, which will explain fully:

While I regret having to speak at all, yet by covering this matter up the wronged party took every risk, even that of her life, without one ray of hope to light her gloomy path.

Yours Respectfully,  
T. C. MORROW.

R. R. Agent at Cole Camp, Mo.

The above narrative of facts is another

warning to young women to beware of the first advances of a libertine, who will prove as has Lafferty, a rascal, who had to be compelled to marry the girl he ruined; even if it is true that he did marry her, which not many in Cole Camp believe.

## Ruin Wrought in the Forest.

How depressing it is to see acres of trees cut down in the midst of a noble forest. How saddening it is also to see that thin spot in the midst of your otherwise abundant hair. Stop it at once by the use of Parker's Hair Balsam. For actual efficiency this famous article stands at the head of its class. Elegant for the toilet, delicious in odor, and restores the original color to gray or faded hair. Economical, as a slight, occasional application keeps the hair and scalp in perfect order.

## Death of Mrs. Dr. J. P. Jackson.

Some time since the wife of Dr. J. P. Jackson, of Kansas City, made a visit to the family of that gentleman's brother, Dr. J. W. Jackson, of this city, surgeon-in-chief of the Missouri Pacific and its leased lines of railway. The lady was in feeble health, consumption having long afflicted her. After staying some time here she went to Fort Worth, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dr. J. W. Jackson. The lady, last named, returned to Sedalia a short time since. Yesterday the sad intelligence was received by relatives here that Mrs. Jackson had died at Fort Worth yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. The deceased was a lady beloved and esteemed by a wide circle of friends. Dr. J. W. Jackson had started for Fort Worth on Tuesday night's train, the large hospital at that point needing his attention.

## FOUND AT LAST.

Marsh's Golden Balsam, for the Throat and Lungs, is the Right Remedy.

"Twenty-four years ago my wife and I were out on Lake Ontario in a sail boat, during a hard wind storm, and were capsized and thoroughly drenched with water and chilled through. She took a severe cold and cough, from which she never recovered. I have spent hundreds of dollars for physicians' prescriptions and patents, but all in vain. A short time ago I was given a sample bottle of MARSH'S GOLDEN BALSAM FOR THE THROAT AND LUNGS. It seemed to help her. I purchased a large bottle, and then another, and then two more—for at last I had found the right remedy. It has cured her."—J. W. Brown, carriage manufacturer, Kansas City, Mo.

MARSH'S GOLDEN BALSAM, the famous Throat and Lung medicine, and MARSH'S GOLDEN BLOOD AND LIVER TONIC, are for sale at Thos. J. Fletcher's, Sedalia, Mo.

Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware.

Field and Garden Seeds. All kinds of field and garden seeds, pure and fresh, at J. W. Kallus' 304 and 306 West Main street, Sedalia, Mo. 2-5w12t.

## Horr's Wire Fence Lock.

Mr. R. Watkins has the agency for Pettis and Morgan counties of the above excellent device. It is highly spoken of by many of the Bazoos exchanges, as a device of more than ordinary merit, and that it never fails to give entire satisfaction wherever used. Mr. Watkins will be in Sedalia on the 12th inst. 2-5w12t

## From the Proud Standpoint

of superior "style," the languid city beauty surveys the imaginary physical shortcomings of her rustic female cousin. Yet if the latter possesses a finer set of teeth, as she probably does if she uses SOZODONT, the metropolitan belle does not, that striking contrast so much in her favor enables her to turn the tables with a vengeance. Pearly teeth are better than "style."

"Mens sana in corpore sano." A sound mind in a sound body is the trade mark of Allen's Brain Food, and we assure our readers that if dissatisfied with either weakness of brain or bodily powers, this remedy will permanently strengthen both. \$1—At drug stores, or by mail from J. H. Allen, 315 First Avenue, New York City.

## A Fair Offer.

The Voltaic Belt Co., of Marshall, Michigan, offer to send Dr. Dye's celebrated Voltaic belt and Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days, to men, old and young, afflicted with nervous debility, lost vitality and many other diseases. See advertisement in this paper.

## Satisfactory Evidence.

J. W. Graham, wholesale druggist, of Austin, Texas, writes: "I have been handling DR. WM. HALL'S BALM FOR THE LUNGS for the past year, and have found it one of the most reliable medicines I have ever had in my house for Coughs, Colds, and even Consumption, always giving entire satisfaction. Please send me another gross."

Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware.

John S. Landes, who has been in the jewelry business in Sedalia for fifteen years, is selling out at cost. Bazoos building, 209 Ohio street. 11-20w1t.

## Strayed.

A sucking mule colt strayed from the undersigned. The finder will be suitably rewarded by giving information which will lead to its discovery. Jno. S. BANK.

## MEETING THE MAYOR

## And His Bonnie Bride of the Prairie State—Cordial Reception.

## Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Messerly Entertained at the Park Hotel.

## Elegant Toilets of Ladies—Music and Dancing—Sumptuous Banquet.

For some time a project has been in contemplation in this city to give Mayor C. E. Messerly and his fair young bride a reception on their return from their wedding tour, which would not only testify to his popularity, but in a fitting manner recognize his position as chief executive of the city.

Last night being set apart for the affair, a large number of the most substantial citizens assembled at the Park hotel and passed a most enjoyable evening.

The programme for the evening was under the management of the following well-known gentlemen: Messrs. Louis Deutsch, A. Fleischmann D. I. Holcomb, H. Demuth, C. E. Hignitz, J. Jaynes and F. Guenther, and not one inharmonious accord marred the serenity of the occasion.

The address was made by Judge J. A. Lacy who paid a high tribute to the mayor, as a city official, and in a few well chosen remarks on behalf of himself and the citizens of Sedalia, welcomed himself and bride to their future home.

Mayor Messerly then made a very pleasant and appropriate response in behalf of his lately chosen wife and himself in which he returned thanks for the honor and appreciation which had been shown him and after some very earnest and hearty applause, the large assemblage proceeded to dismantle the banqueting tables. The latter were most beautifully ornamented with pyramids of fruits, candies, macaroons, oranges, etc. and presented a very attractive appearance. It seems almost ridiculous to speak of the Sacher Brothers' excellent taste in connection with the details of the menu but suffice it to say, they were fully up to the high standard which they have won throughout the state, and the cold meats, fried and stewed oysters, salads, creams, fruits, cakes, and confectionery were served delicately and in keeping with the festivities of the occasion.

After the banquet had been disposed of, the following dance programme occupied the attention of the guests and continued without intermission until a late hour:

March, quadrille, waltz, lancers, (Saratoga), polka, quadrille, racquet, waltz, (Harvard), lancers (plain), polka, schottische, quadrille, waltz, lancers (Saratoga), Newport, Tucker.

Mayor Messerly's bride is a petite blonde with with a very piquant and charming presence, and last night was attired in a costume fashioned by a capable French modiste of New Orleans. It was composed of white Paris muslin, lace embroidery, Valenciennes lace and tiny tuckings. The undersuit cut en traine was finished at the bottom with a flounce made of the tucking cut bias, small squares of embroidery and alternate rows of the lace, the bottom of the flounce edged with a deep fall of lace; the front of the skirt was entirely composed of the lace and embroidery formed in a diagonal design; the draperies long and slightly looped, were almost composed of the lace, while the basque was a combination of the lace and lace embroidery, finished at the neck with a fall of white ostrich tips; a handsome sash of white moire ribbon tied in a large bow at the back, long white kid gloves, fan of marabou and heron feathers, and ornaments of diamonds, made this costume a most beautiful as well as an appropriate one.

Miss Emma Messerly wore a very handsomely made black gros grain silk, heavily trimmed with thread lace, black hat with plumes, Duchesse lace garniture and jequeminot and wild roses as a corsage bouquet.

Miss Anna Messerly wore a steel gray and golden brown silk dress, made with a puffed drapery and finished both at the waist and on the skirt with loops and ends of golden brown satin ribbon, the neck was finished with a fall of Duchesse lace, and at the left side was a bouquet of tea and crushed roses.

Mrs. T. W. Cloney wore a handsome black velvet toilet with garniture of point lace and a small corsage bouquet of natural roses.

Mrs. J. M. Offield wore a black gros grain trimmed with thread lace, small bonnet of white plush trimmed with pale pink tips.

Mrs. S. L. Highleyman, elegant cream satin princess, with neck cut square filled with point lace, and finished with ostrich tips; the entire sleeves were composed of pearl embroidered lace, while the corsage was heavily trimmed with the same; the hair was worn Marie Stuart, and this, with the gleam of diamonds, finished a most striking costume.

Mrs. Will Latour, dress of white India linen, trimmed with tucks and lace, draperies caught up with loops and ends of lavender ribbon, elegant diamond ornaments.

Mrs. V. E. Shaw, dress of pink cashmere, skirt made with alternate flounces of cashmere and white silk, draperies trimmed with Spanish lace.

Mrs. F. E. Hoffman, dress of black Spanish and white oriental lace, in alternate flounces, hat of maize plush with maize plumes.

Mrs. M. E. Groot, of Auburn, N. Y., mourning costume of black gros grain silk and crepe, the skirt had the entire front made in puffs, with side draperies of crepe, train cut square, and edged with narrow black plaiting, bayceluse of lace, Duchesse lace at the neck, corsage bouquet of lilies of the valley, ornaments of diamonds and pearls.

Mrs. A. K. Killiam, dress of dregs of wine satin and velvet, court traine, Duchesse lace garniture, ornaments of pearl in the shape of a primrose, corsage bouquet of crushed roses.

Mrs. Wm. Moore, dress of black gros

grain silk, black bonnet with ostrich tips. Mr. J. D. Russell, black satin costume with small white plush bonnet, point lace garniture.

Mrs. Fleischman, dress of black satin, with small white plush bonnet with white tips.

Mrs. John Burkhardt, dress of velvet brocade and satin, small bonnet of old gold plush with old gold tips, point lace at the throat, corsage bouquet of pomegranate blossoms.

Mrs. Laupheimer, black silk with point lace garniture, corsage bouquet of crushed roses, white plush hat with white tips.

Mrs. Lovinger, black gros grain and velvet combination, white hat with tips, jequeminot roses at the left of corsage.

Miss Sallie Potter, dress of pale blue brocade, with square neck edged with white ostrich tips, small white rolled brim hat with white falling plume.

Miss Mattie Humphreys, of St. Louis, dress of cream gros grain silk and oriental lace, small pink plush hat with pink tips, corsage bouquet of apple blossoms.

Miss Anna Allen, dress of black velvet with white plush hat, trimmed with white tips, rich garniture of Duchesse lace, corsage bouquet of pond lilies.

Miss Eva Johnson, rosin egg blue silk, with thread lace draperies and garniture, small toque with long white plumes, diamond earring.

Miss Eva Gentry, dress of shrimp pink cashmere and Spanish lace; the draperies were entirely composed of the lace, square neck filled with point, corsage bouquet of pink pond lilies and ornaments of diamonds.

Miss Isabel Daniel, cream nun's veiling and Spanish lace, combination costume, square neck, edged with Duchesse; corsage bouquet of crushed roses.

Miss Mollie Haughey, cream nun's veiling, with cream satin ribbons looping the drapery, lace garniture and Marchal Neil roses at the left of corsage.

Miss Ollie Black, pink cashmere and brocade, with small pink plush hat trimmed with pink tips.

Miss Anna Richardson, cream nun's veiling with cream satin ribbons; lovely corsage bouquet of natural primroses.

Miss Sue Evans, dress of oriental lace over pale blue satin, corsage bouquet of tea roses.

Miss Minnie Barrett, cream nun's veiling and Spanish lace.

Miss Cora Wheelock, of Downagie, Mich., dress of cream nun's veiling and cream satin, sash of shrimp pink satin, edged with fringe, pink tips edging the square neck of corsage.

Miss Delia Harcastle, princess dress of pale blue cashmere, the bottom of the skirt finished with a box plaiting lined with shell pink satin, Modjeska neck filled with crepe lisse and finished with a plaited ruff lined with shell pink satin.

Mrs. Callie Harcastle, dress of black satin and velvet, garniture of Duchesse lace and corsage bouquet of pond lilies.

There were many other handsome and effective toilets worn, but time and space will not permit a detailed description. Among the large number of guests not previously mentioned were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Louis Deutsch, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Demuth, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Morrey, and Mrs. R. H. Moses, Miss Katie and Gertrude Faulhaber, Ella Messerly, Deda Adams, Mrs. B. B. Lyon, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hall, Messrs. Geo. Faulhaber, John Russell, J. M. Offield, T. W. Cloney, Dr. Abel, R. T. Gentry, Ed. and Lin Hignitz, L. Lovinger, H. Laupheimer, Jas. McLean, Joe Black, Arthur Maltby, Ernest Small, Gus Lumy, John Jaynes, Homer Byler, Leonard, Robinson, Will Messerly, Henry Mueschke, Ben Hert, of California, Arthur Johnson, S. K. Ballard, Judge J. A. Lacy, John Burkhardt, Frank Meyer and quite a number of others, in all about one hundred and thirty individuals.

The reception, banquet, and, in fact, everything connected with the welcome, was unexceptional and reflected much credit on its progenitors. Not one present but will long remember it and wish the mayor and his bride a life

Where the sunshine glids their pathway  
And the roses bloom full sweet,  
Where the joys are more than sorrows,  
And love's trusting is complete.

**Kidney Troubles.**  
Don't dose for kidney affections. Use externally one Benson's Caprine Porous Plaster over the kidneys.

## CALIFORNIA CRUMBS.

—Dr. E. B. Crane, the chess champion of California, was at Centretown last week on business.

—The return ball, intended last Tuesday, will come off to-night. A grand time is anticipated.

—Baird's minstrels at Sarman's hall last Thursday night was a grand success. Standing room in the hall was considerably above par.

—We are glad to learn that the young man in the North End who did not attend the Leap Year ball is gradually recovering. He has been suffering from a severe attack of the "blues."

—Miss Poky Gray, accompanied by Miss Eula Tracy and Mr. Ben Gray, left for Warrensburg last Tuesday, where Miss Gray will take a course in the Normal. Miss Tracy returned Wednesday night.

## FASHION NOTES—HOW TO GATHER A WAIST.

Andrew's Fashion Magazine, Quite authentic as the koran, States that gathered waists are being Now-a-days a great deal worn.

Flie, young gentlemen, to gather Thus a lady's shapely waist; Do not gather them so roughly, Exercise a little taste.

Do not squeeze them so like blazes, Surely they would not be worn Near so much, if gently gathered, And not clawed about and torn.

Some men go to work to gather Waists, as tho' 'twere binding grain; Or as if 'twere belling cotton— One might call them ladies' bane.

Now the way a waist to gather Is to fold it gently, As if it were eggs in paper, Funnelled at a groove.

Nor should it be done in public— For a lady, too, is human; And she'd rather 'twere in secret— Secrets are a part of woman.

—Dr. C. W. Benson's Celery and Chamomile Pills are prepared expressly to cure and sufficiently powerful for the most robust, yet the safest for children and weak constitutions.—15 cents.

## COLE CAMP.

## A Thriving Village Twenty Miles Distant From Sedalia—Its Churches and Schools.

## Prominent Business and Professional Men—Its Present "Boom" and Bright Prospects.

Cole Camp is the name of a thriving village in Benton county of some 300 residents, and is distant twenty miles from Sedalia, sixty five from Jefferson City and 1,001 from Washington. It is on the line of the Sedalia, Warsaw & Southern narrow gauge railroad. It is on the divide between the Osage and Missouri rivers, and also on the timber line that stretches from Versailles to Warsaw. The town is located pleasantly on an elevated plateau, one of the highest points in this section. From northwest to southwest the town commands a view of a score of miles. Lincoln, twelve miles distant, is plainly visible from Cole Camp. The place is exceptionally healthy, and although in a malarious belt that disease is seldom experienced by any of the residents of the place.

Cole Camp takes its name from Cold Camp creek, the two forks of which run on either side of the town. Cold Camp creek was so named because some forty years ago a man who was moving west camped one bitterly cold night near the creek and the next day was found frozen to death. His camp that night was indeed a "cold camp." From that appellation the name was gradually changed to Cole Camp. An effort was once made to have the name of the town changed to Gentry, in honor of Major Gentry, of Sedalia, at one time president of the road on which the town is situated. The effort did not prove successful, and the place is still Cole Camp.

The town is in the midst of a fine agricultural country, and there are many thrifty farmers in the section. The value of farms in the vicinity has increased nearly one hundred per cent. in the last three or four years.

A survey has been made and a plat laid, and maps and profiles filed with the county clerk, of a proposed railroad, the St. Louis & Emporia railway. When this line is built it will give Cole Camp a direct east and west connection that cannot fail to largely benefit the place and the surrounding country.

There is a very pretty German Lutheran church in the place. The Catholics also have an attractive place of worship, and so also have the Southern Methodists. The school house of the town has seats for eighty pupils. Another school house for fifty or sixty pupils will be erected the coming spring or summer.

Among the prominent professional and business men of the town are the Keiffer brothers. Dr. A. R. Keiffer is an able young physician with a large practice. He is one of the board of school directors and a leading spirit in every public enterprise for the benefit of the town and the community. Dr. Keiffer graduated at the Missouri Medical college of St. Louis in 1879, at the head of his class, and obtained the gold medal for general excellence and proficiency in all branches. He was the second person in the annals of the college for thirty-eight years who reached the high grade of excellence requisite to obtain the distinction of receiving "the gold medal."

Mr. George Keiffer is associated with John B. Galie, of Sedalia, in running an extensive lumber yard at Cole Camp. Mr. Gerrit Keiffer is associated with his father-in-law, Henry Mahken, in conducting a well stocked general store, which is quite popular and well patronized. It is one of the best arranged country stores in the west, having an elevator and other modern conveniences. Mr. Mahken is one of the wealthiest men in the place, and is P. M. (which is postmaster.)</